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# TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST

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Portions of this broadcast have been omitted due to the fact that they did not pertain to CIA or Radio Free Europe in any way.

Regarding my series of broadcasts on Radio Free Europe, ladies and gentlemen, I think perhaps the time has come to take a little stock of ourselves, where we're going so as not to forget the objectives of these broadcasts and not to see people wandering all over the lot. As I said at the very outset of this series, I have not the slightest quarrel with the stated objective of Radio Free Europe and the Crusade for Freedom, which has raised money for it. In fact, I think it is a very well worthwhile, even a noble, enterprise. Many golden words have been stated about fighting Communism with "truth dollars" and sending the message of freedom to the enslaved people behind the iron curtain to keep their hopes alive and one (garble) particular time when this can be undertaken by a private enterprise operation because that makes it a true people, true people's endeavor, and we urge you so very sincerely that this is the only reason for which there is any hope for the liberation of those enslaved people.

When the Eisenhower Administration came into power, the President was very frank and very brave in saying that the liberation was the objective for the people of Europe, our objective for them being encouragement, every assistance short of participation on our part, was given. More recently, however, a calmer school of thought went to bat, because the word liberation is never mentioned anymore. But then for the last couple of years it demonstrated the manner in which we let Hungary down at the time of its valiant revolution and tended to accept a status quo more or less. And yet the existing Communist government recognized, as the legitimate government developed a policy of coexistence. A change and intercourse along all lines developed and we settled ourselves for an indefinite period in the existing pattern.

And Radio Free Europe is one of the leading propaganda arms of the United States Government's foreign policy, actually, if you hold yourself to that policy line, its the leader of foreign policy. I don't believe that that's what you, the American public, believe in.

I don't believe that you believe that Radio Free Europe should be preaching that doctrine to the people behind the iron curtain, because that is no message of open freedom--rather it is a message of continued enslavement. And I frankly do not believe that the sponsors of the organization or even the leaders of the organization in New York know and realize that it is the message that is being preached. The policy is anti-Russian to be sure, but the policy is not anti-Communist. On the contrary, it is pro-Communist on the national Titoist basis, and the people who are preaching it today were a part of the pro-Russian Communist national front government in these countries before they were thrown out by (garble) respective countries. In short, my quarrel with the Crusade for Freedom, and all the fine people who are sponsoring it, is that the goal it puts up and the advertising slogan is fine but what is happening at the operational level. The stuff that is actually going out is straight socialist propaganda pertaining to national Communism as against Russian Communism, and that is not what is being represented to you, the public. The operation could be immensely valuable and immensely constructive if the people at the top of it, who fought for it, hadn't allowed it to get completely out of hand. They don't know what is going on. They are being duped into serving the very opposite of what they are appointed to do and think they are doing, and they are not ready to take the trouble to finally investigate the truth of the situation.

I've offered to make my files available to the responsible heads of the organization. They fail to take advantage of that. The only conclusion being that they prefer to ignore the endless dangerous signals and red lights appearing all along the way and step instead to self-serving, self-justifying untruths of the hirelings who are drawing lush salaries for having allowed the operation to fall into its present deplorable state.

And how deplorable is that state? Well listen carefully. Among the worst most Socialist and most nationalist Communist operations, propaganda operations of the entire Radio Free Europe operation, is the Czechoslovakian desk. The head of it is, I told you, a man named Ferdinand Perutka, who has collaborated with the Russian Communists until they froze him out in 1948. Thereupon, he was picked up by Radio Free Europe as head of the whole Czech activity. He has, as one of his advisers, or had, the late Hubert Ripka, butcher of the Sudeten massacre, as council and adviser. And all the way through from the very start of the actual broadcasting, and since, broadcasts for Radio Free Europe have preached the economic doctrine of Marxist Socialism--basic Communism if you will. This is not the doctrine familiar to the masses of people of

Czechoslovakia. Mind you, they are a democratic people. They've always believed in force of the capitalistic system, that the capitalistic system does not lend itself to the functioning of the dictatorship of these people who are speaking for Radio Free Europe, who are the people who delivered Czechoslovakia into dictatorship in the beginning. These are the ones that nationalized the industries, the railroads, contaminated the schools and labor organizations to suppress all but their own Socialist and Communist political parties. Note, these all settled around the economic, which in itself is not an economy. He professes to know nothing about it.

All the reason to rouse my curiosity, where does this philosophy come from? Somewhere, somewhere in the structure, there must be somebody in the structure who must be scheming. I find that totally hidden away there is a head of the economic section of the Czechoslovakian broadcast desk of RFE who decides that economic policy, and I inquired as to his identity. He is Milos Vladek, described by the free exile newspaper Slovak as being one of the most important officials of the entire Munich operation. Who is Milos Vladek? You won't like this when you realize what the big name sponsors and the big salary college boy of New York permitted to happen. Milos Vladek was one of the original founders along with Lenin, Trotsky, Rakosi, and Sapotsky (sic)--one of the original founders and signers of the Second Comintern Manifesto of 1921. One of the authentic originals, in fact he is the only one of them still alive. The Comintern Manifesto, of course, was the Communist international proclamation under which the world Communist conspiracy was set up; and Mr. Milos Vladek, economic mastermind of the Free Europe Broadcast of Munich was there to sign with Lenin, Trotsky, and others.

I spoke today with a gentleman who knew about Milos Vladek, and he wrote to Radio Free Europe in New York and asked naturally whether the Milos Vladek in Munich was the same one that signed the Second Comintern Manifesto. He received a polite but non-committal answer which merely thanked him for his interest. I am informed that, as of the present, Milos Vladek is still on the job with Radio Free Europe in Munich.

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It seems that the Crusade for Freedom is getting active in collecting funds for the operation of Radio Free Europe. This year, \$10,000,000 is the goal they say, I believe, and Mr. Gwilym Price, chairman of the board of the Westinghouse Corporation and also chairman of the board of the Crusade, has started on the road for a series of luncheon conferences with the bigwigs of American industry to try to get contributions from them to provide the money.

I am following his trip by means of clippings which listeners send in from along the way, and thus far I have coverage on the meetings from New York to as far west as Milwaukee. Last week, for example, Mr. Gwilym Price was in Detroit, Michigan, where the vice president of the Chrysler Corporation--the president of the Chrysler Corporation, I believe--was the luncheon host, and Mr. Price told the top figures of the Detroit automobile world about the glorious achievements of the Radio Free Europe operation. I'd like to say that along with Mr. Price on this trip is Mr. Jack Patterson, a paid fund raiser for the Crusade for Freedom. My understanding is that he provides Mr. Price with the material for the speeches, which all seem to be pretty much the same, and the state director of the Crusade in each case is to follow up and try to get corporate contributions, up in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Some of the industrial leaders who have been exposed to this operation, or will be exposed to it in the future, may be listening to this particular broadcast. If so, there are several things I think you should know. In the first place, as of a month ago, I tried to get in contact with this same Mr. Gwilym Price to offer him complete access to my files on this story--not because there is anything I wanted to get out of Mr. Price because he is just serving this year as chairman of the Crusade--but because I have a respect for the gentleman and the tremendous corporation that he heads. And, as a responsible reporter, I thought the ethical thing to do was to offer to sit down with

Mr. Price for his own protection and give him a documented factual picture of just what he has become involved in, because I certainly would not want to become involved in it myself. I managed to reach Mr. Price through a close mutual friend, and he said that he was very interested and made an appointment to meet me in New York City on the week end between Christmas and New Year's. Unfortunately however, Mr. Price did not keep the engagement and I have never heard anything from him since.

For the benefit of those corporations which get the touch in this crusade drive, it seems worthy of their attention and the attention of their stockholders--because after all these contributions are coming out of money that belongs to the stockholder--some years ago, in order to screen organizations of this kind to separate the sheep from the goats and the legitimate from the illegitimate, the big money contributors themselves setup and have operated, ever since, a sort of screening, clearing house in New York City called the National Information Bureau. Certain basic standards were established for the protection of the corporations that are likely to be solicited--at least for those corporations that are members of this National Information Bureau, and every large corporation that I have any knowledge of does belong--and if a fund raising operation is not able to meet those standards, the National Information Bureau so reports to its members for their protection.

For your information, the National Information Bureau has made an inquiry into the Crusade for Freedom for which Mr. Gwilym Price of Westinghouse is soliciting contributions in the course of his cross-country trip, and I must report that the Crusade for Freedom is not on the approved list of the National Information Bureau as a result. The bureau reports that the Crusade for Freedom is not able to comply with its minimum acceptable standards, and therefore the Crusade for Freedom has been ruled off the list. Incidentally, this National Information Bureau is the only organization of its kind of which I have any knowledge, and thus it is the standard clearing house.

You may be interested in what some of these clippings have to report of what Mr. Gwilym Price is telling the people who attend these luncheons about the great achievements of Radio Free Europe and how effective it is. I have before me a clipping from the Milwaukee Sentinel telling of the affairs that took place there, and let me read verbatim. Mr. Price said that a survey of refugees from behind the iron curtain indicated that 93% of the people in the satellite countries are listening to

Radio Free Europe. Let me repeat that figure: 93% of the people in the satellite countries are listening to Radio Free Europe.

Now let me read from the official statement of an information sheet that Mr. Jack Patterson put out in the Crusade headquarters in New York on the date of last November 26, "Latest proof of Radio Free Europe's effectiveness, in addition to thousands of letters received from listeners from behind the curtain and in addition to the statements of thousands of refugees, there is a survey completed by an Austrian opinion research organization. The survey was based on depth in interviews of Hungarian refugees in Austria who were selected as representative of the Hungarian people as a whole in terms of residence, sex, education, and religion. The survey shows that 97% of the Hungarian people listen to Western broadcasts, that 93% listen to Radio Free Europe."

Now please note that that is the same figure that Mr. Price used, and in this case the statement specifically distinguishes between Western broadcasts as a whole and Radio Free Europe broadcasts. It's hard to suggest that 93% of the people of any country listen to any particular broadcast. It is preposterous because any reasonable individual knows that that cannot be true on the face of it. But never mind what seems reasonable. Let's see if this is possible. In the next paragraph of this same document, issued by the Crusade for Freedom itself and compiled by Mr. Jack Patterson, it gives statistics on the number of radio sets in the countries concerned, and Mr. Price can read this for himself if he would just take the time. It's on page 5, and wherever he is at the moment, he must have one of these along with him: "The number of radio sets in Eastern Europe capable of picking up Western broadcasts has increased substantially in recent years. Czechoslovakia has the largest number, 3,000,000 for a 12 and a half million population. In Hungary, population 8,000,000, there are 1,250,000 sets; Poland, population 27,000,000--3,000,000 sets; Rumania, population 16 and a half million, 600,000 sets; and in Bulgaria, population 7,000,000--280,000 sets." That's the official word from the Crusade for Freedom itself.

These figures work out to less than one radio to every 14 people in Czechoslovakia, less than one to every six people in Hungary, less than one to every 13 in Poland, less than one to 27 in Rumania, and less than one to 25 in Bulgaria. Now let me repeat to you the quotation from the Milwaukee Sentinel: "Mr. Price said that a survey of refugees from behind the iron curtain indicated that 93% of the people in the satellite countries listen to Radio Free Europe." (Remaining 30 seconds of broadcast not transcribed because of defective recording.)